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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 23, 2008

GENERAL: North Carolina received scattered showers this week with the largest rainfall amount being reported in the Mountain Region at 1.18 inches. Most stations reported temperatures below normal for the week with average temperatures ranging from 41 to 57 degrees. There were 4.8 days suitable for field work, the same as the previous week. Statewide soil moisture levels are rated at 1% very short, 10% short, 81% adequate and 8% surplus. Activities during the week included an increased planting of Irish potatoes and cabbage, spreading of fertilizer, and other spring planting preparations.

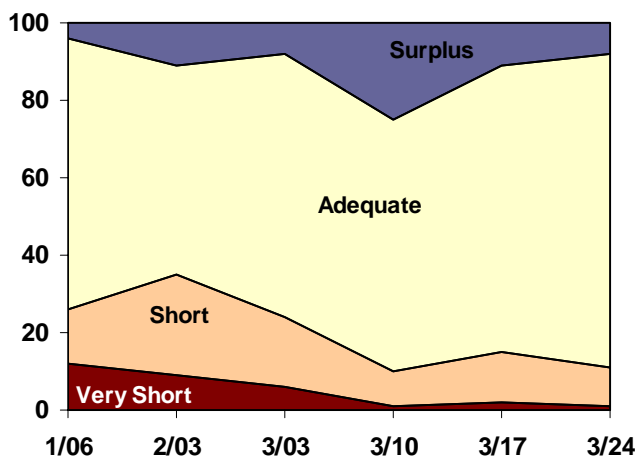
CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
PLANTED:				
Cabbage	74	44	92	66
Irish Potatoes	74	35	77	67

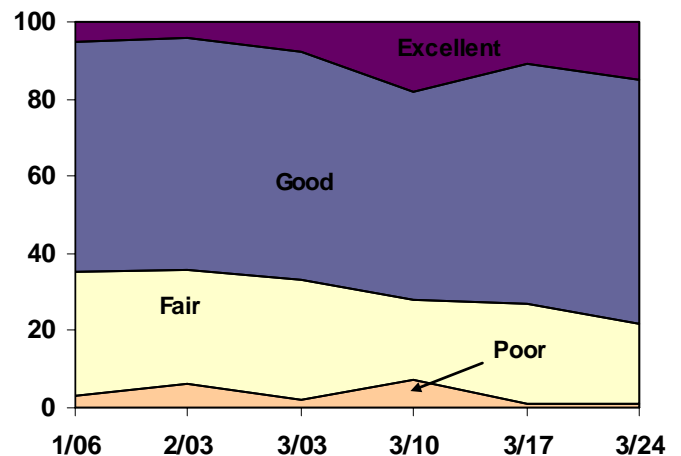
TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
State	1	10	81	8
Mountain Region	3	14	75	8
Piedmont Region	0	14	82	4
Coastal Plain Region	1	3	84	12

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT STATEWIDE



WHEAT CONDITION PERCENT STATEWIDE



CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Barley	1	2	9	69	19
Oats	0	1	14	70	15
Rye	0	0	8	80	12
Wheat	0	1	21	63	15
Irish Potatoes	0	4	34	58	4
Pasture	6	33	38	22	1
Truck Crops	0	8	34	50	8

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

Crop information in this report is provided voluntarily by county officials of the Cooperative Extension Service, FSA, NRCS and other knowledgeable individuals.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 2008

Station Location	Precipitation (Inches) ¹				Temperature (Degrees F.) For This Week			
	Total This Week	Departure From Normal This Week	Total Since January 1, 2008	Departure From Normal Since January 1, 2008	High	Low	Average	Departure From Normal
Apex	0.17	-0.73	8.00	-3.01	75	35	52	0
Asheville	1.18	0.15	10.54	-0.31	71	27	47	-2
Aurora	0.20	-0.71	9.13	-1.53	75	34	55	2
Beech Mountain	0.82	-0.37	11.52	-1.40	68	21	42	4
Chapel Hill	0.27	-0.67	9.68	-1.28	76	33	52	2
Charlotte	0.72	-0.27	9.09	-2.03	75	35	54	2
Clinton	0.24	-0.68	10.40	-0.65	77	36	53	-1
Concord	0.52	-0.44	7.49	-3.46	77	33	52	0
Eden	0.31	-0.60	4.96	-5.19	72	30	48	-2
Elizabeth City	0.03	-0.85	5.01	-5.95	74	28	52	0
Fayetteville	0.10	-0.80	8.49	-2.27	79	35	53	0
Goldsboro	0.10	-0.87	10.17	-1.22	77	35	52	-3
Greensboro	0.41	-0.41	7.10	-2.36	74	34	53	3
Greenville	0.15	-0.69	10.52	-0.49	78	33	54	0
Halifax	0.00	-0.85	11.05	0.48	77	32	54	3
Hayesville	0.83	-0.06	14.73	3.94	71	26	49	-5
Hickory	0.79	-0.28	7.70	-3.92	75	34	51	0
Jackson Springs	0.37	-0.58	9.05	-2.21	76	36	52	-1
Jacksonville	0.50	-0.41	10.42	-1.42	76	33	56	2
Jefferson	0.61	-0.37	9.73	-0.61	62	22	41	-4
Kinston	0.24	-0.67	9.31	-1.80	77	34	53	1
Laurinburg	0.31	-0.66	9.90	-1.57	80	34	55	2
Lenoir	0.80	-0.24	9.77	-1.26	72	24	47	-5
Lexington	0.40	-0.53	7.05	-3.91	73	27	50	-4
Lincolnton	0.75	-0.28	7.93	-3.13	74	30	52	-2
Louisburg	0.05	-0.83	7.61	-3.19	76	29	49	0
Marshall	0.50	-0.41	8.77	-0.80	69	24	45	-3
Monroe	0.51	-0.52	8.28	-3.77	75	36	55	1
Mount Airy	0.87	-0.07	6.96	-3.02	71	27	46	-6
New Bern	0.41	-0.43	8.93	-2.75	78	32	55	0
North Wilkesboro	0.84	-0.21	7.95	-3.37	73	28	47	-1
Old Fort	0.83	-0.34	9.10	-2.90	73	26	47	0
Oxford	0.15	-0.74	8.27	-2.12	74	33	50	-2
Raleigh-Durham	0.08	-0.74	8.55	-1.66	75	33	54	3
Roanoke Rapids	0.00	-0.85	8.29	-2.28	75	31	50	-2
Rocky Mount	0.21	-0.69	7.87	-2.78	77	30	53	1
Siler City	0.34	-0.63	8.43	-3.05	74	34	51	2
Waynesville	0.75	-0.42	11.88	-0.61	67	23	45	-4
Whiteville	0.15	-0.83	10.95	-0.16	80	32	54	0
Williamston	0.33	-0.58	10.85	0.04	77	33	52	-2
Wilmington	0.18	-0.68	9.43	-1.24	76	36	57	2

¹ Precipitation data considered preliminary

